

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door

Welcoming to humans of all races, genders, and sexual orientations. We invite, respect, and support all people who speak to love, dignity, and justice. You are affirmed and accepted as a full participant in the life and work of this United Methodist congregation.

Worship during Ordinary Time with Holy Communion

Sunday, August 7, 2022, 10 am

*Masks are optional.

We welcome all visitors today! Thank you for being here and gracing us with your presence. Please fill out the “*Visitation Card*” found in the pew and either place it in the offering plate or deposit into the *Suggestion Box* in the narthex nave.

Children are invited to enjoy the resources in the **Children Learning Center** located at the back of the sanctuary during worship. Children are welcome to check out books and activity items to take home by signing the simple “*Check-out Sheet*” on clipboard there.

Words of Meditation

“Life fell asleep and hell shook with fear.”

~ Holy Saturday proclamation

“He descended into hell and on the third day he rose again.”

~ The Apostles’ Creed

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

I Will Enter His Gates
M. Hayes

Marina Thomas

Bringing in the Light

Welcome & the Life of the Church

***Passing of Peace** (Wave to your neighbors near you with “**Peace of Christ be with you.**”)

***Call to Worship** (Responsive) *Christ, Be Our Light* by Bernadette Farrell

Leader: Longing for light, we wait in darkness

People: Longing for truth, we turn to You.

Leader: Make us Your own, your holy people

People: Light for the world to see.

Leader: Christ, be our light!

People: Shine in our hearts.

Leader: Shine through the darkness.

People: Christ, be our light!

Leader: Shine in Your church gathered today.

People: Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Leader: Longing for hope, many despairs.
People: Your grace alone has power to save us.
All: **Make us your living light.**

***Gathering Song** *Morning Has Broken* #145

Prayers of the People

- a. Sharing of Joys & Concerns (Please raise your hand & mic will be given to you)
- b. Breath Meditation Movement
- c. Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer/Padre Nuestro (You are invited to pray in the language of your choice)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Response to Our Prayers *On Eagle's Wings* #143

Epistle Reading **1 Corinthians 1:18-25**
Foolishness of the Cross

18 "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the scholars." 20 Where is the wise? Where is the scholars? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. 22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message Part 4: "**Entering the World of Icons**" Rev. John Song

Hymn of Response *Up from the Grave He Arose* #322

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Proclamation (in unison)

Christ lives among us.
Christ lives within us.
Christ lives around us.

**Prayer of Preparation
Institution of the Elements**

***Receiving of the Bread and the Cup**

(The United Methodist Church practices open Communion. All are invited, including children, to come forward in the middle aisle in two lines to receive the Communion. If you wish to receive the Communion at your seat, please raise your hand or ask one of the ushers.)

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Leader: Let us respond to this word of grace and hope by the giving of our tithes and offerings, which support the varied ministries of the Watsonville First United Methodist Church, mission at home and throughout the world.

Offertory *The Longer I Serve Him* Marina Thomas
W. Gaither

***Hymn to the Trinity** *Gloria Patri* (Glory Be to the Father) #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**We come before you, O Lord, dedicating our gifts and our lives in your service.
In gratefulness for calling us as your own, we offer you our thanks and praise.
Receive our pledges and the gifts of our hands, and use them to bring light
to the darkness and hope to places of despair and suffering, through our Lord,
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***Recessional Song** *Because He Lives* #364

***Sending Out Into the World**

Postlude *Lord, I Want To Be A Christian* Marina Thomas
J. Carter

*We warmly invite everyone to a delicious cup of Peet's Coffee,
refreshments and fellowship in the Social Hall following worship.*

Today's refreshments: Marjorie Martinez

*If you want to bring Refreshments in the future
you can sign up on the clipboard in the narthex or see Marjorie Martinez.

Worship Leaders

Pastor	Rev. John Song
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgists	Febe Avitua
Greeters	Harry & Clarice Wiggins
Head Usher	Marieta Flores

Communion Stewards
Tech Team
Nursery Attendants
Coffee Hour

Marieta Flores, Laura Andrade Sorensen
Antonio Lucila Pantaleón, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano
Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis
Marjorie Martinez

Looking for Volunteers to Assist Marjorie & Marieta for Coffee Hour

Every Sunday Marjorie and Marieta quietly work in the kitchen to provide us with beautiful refreshment for the Coffee Hour. It takes work to make that happen for us. They could use some hands.

We open the kitchen usually at 9:30 am to prep for coffee hour. We serve right after the Sunday service around 11:10 am and then clean up afterwards. You can either help Marjorie for prep in the kitchen at 9:30 am or help cleanup following the Coffee Hour.

If you can help, please contact Marjorie at aperture75@gmail.com or (831) 713-8227. They would welcome and much appreciate your assistance. Thank you!

Upcoming Opportunities!

Summer Children Music Program: Aug. 8 - 12, 9 am – 11:30 am, Sanctuary

Holy Walkamolies Beach Day Potluck: Saturday, Aug. 13, 11:30 am, Seacliff State Beach (Bring a dish, dessert or drink to share) More info please contact Marjorie Martinez.

Holy Walkamolies Beach Outing: Sep. 10, 2022, 9:30 am, Pajaro Dunes/Palm State Beach

Crop Hunger Walk: Sat. Oct. 8, gather and start at our church parking lot

National Night Out: Tue. Oct. 4, 2022, 5 pm, church parking lot

The 170th Anniversary Celebration: Sat. Oct. 22, 11 am, Worship & Luncheon

Calendar for the Week

Sun., Aug. 7	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:45 am	Leadership Council Meeting , St. Stephen's Room
Aug. 8-12	9-11:30 am	Summer Children's Music Program, Sanctuary
Sat., Aug. 13	11:30 am	Holy Walkamolies Beach Day Potluck, Seacliff State Beach
Sun., Aug. 14	10:00 am	LEGO Sunday
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

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Office Hours: Tue-Thu 9 am – 5 pm, Fri 9 am – 12 pm (Closed for lunch 12-1 pm)

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Baptism, Membership, Wedding, Funeral, and Pastoral Counseling are available.